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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPERATING A CHECKOUT

SYSTEM HAVING A DISPLAY MONITOR WHICH DISPLAYS BOTH

TRANSACTION INFORMATION AND CUSTOMER-SPECIFIC

MESSAGES DURING A CHECKOUT TRANSACTION

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## Declaration with Statement of Error in Support of Reissue Application

Sir:

Applicant declares the following:

- Applicant believes the original patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,296,185 ("the '185 patent"), to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had the right to claim in the '185 patent.
  - Claim 1 reads as follows: 2

A method of operating a retail terminal having a display monitor, comprising the steps of:

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generating an item-entered control signal when an item for purchase is entered into said retail terminal;

displaying item information associated with said item for purchase on a first portion of said display monitor in response to generation of said item-entered control signal; and

displaying a customer-specific retail message on a second portion of said display monitor, wherein said step of displaying said customer-specific retail message is performed contemporaneously with said step of displaying said item information associated with said item for purchase.

3. By contrast, claim 30 reads as follows:

A method of operating a retail terminal having a display monitor, in a self-service checkout transaction, comprising the steps of:

entering an item for purchase into said retail terminal by a self-service customer; displaying item information associated with said item for purchase on said display monitor in response to entering said item; and

displaying a retail message on said display monitor, contemporaneously with displaying said item information, where the retail message is customized based on a product that can be used in conjunction with said item for purchase entered during the current transaction.

The limitations of "displaying item information associated with said item for purchase on a first portion of said display monitor in response to generation of said item-entered control signal; and displaying a customer-specific retail message on a second portion of said display monitor, wherein said step of displaying said customer-specific retail message is performed contemporaneously with said step of displaying said item information associated with

said item for purchase" are believed to be too restrictive and claim less than the patentee had the right to claim.

- 5. By comparison, the limitations in the claimed combination of claim 30 are not present in any of the previously issued claims. Specifically, none of the previously issued claims includes the element of "displaying a retail message on a display monitor, contemporaneously with displaying item information, where the retail message is customized based on a product that can be used in conjunction with said item for purchase entered during the current transaction."
- 6. Applicant believes that he is entitled to additional claims of greater scope that cover this feature more broadly than claim 1.
- All errors which are being corrected in the present Reissue Application up to the filing of this Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.
- 8. This Declaration is in support of a Reissue Application filed within two years of issuance of the '185 patent as required by 35 U.S.C. 251.

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